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1. EMBASSY PROPOSES FOLLOWING REMARKS AS APPROPRIATE:
"I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO ARRIVE IN BARBADOS AT A TIME WHEN
THE UNITED STATES IS BUILDING A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
CARIBBEAN BASED ON ACTIVE CONSULTATION AND A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTINCTIVE PROBLEMS OF THE REGION.
THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE CARIBBEAN HAVE LONG SHARED A
COMMON HERITAGE AND EXPERIENCE CANNOT BE DENIED. GEOGRAPHIC
PROXIMITY, A COMMON LANGUAGE, A SHARED TRADITION OF
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, ECONOMIC INTERACTION AND EVEN MUSIC
HAVE COMBINED OVER THE CENTURIES TO GIVE US A FUNDAMENTAL
COMMONALITY OF EXPERIENCE. OUR ROOTS, LIKE YOURS, ARE AFRICAN,

THESE POINTS, MOREOVER, ARE VALID WITH RESPECT TO BARBADOS TO A DEGREE UNSURPASSED ELSEWHERE IN THE CARIBBEAN. ONE NEED ONLY LOOK AT THE MOVMENTS OF OUR PEOPLE EACH YEAR FROM THE UNITED STATES TO BARBADOS AND FROM BARBADOS TO THE UNITED STATES TO UNDERSTAND THE DEPTH OF THIS BOND AS IT CONTINUES TO GROW.

BEYOND THAT EXAMPLE, YOUR CONCERN FOR DEMOCRACY, HUMAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASIAN, AND EUROPEAN.

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RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IS OUR CONCERN. YOUR VISION OF PEACE, EQUALITY AMONG STATES AND A MORE EQUITABLE WORLD SYSTEM IS OUR VISION.

IT IS UPON THIS SHARED EXPERIENCE, CONCERN, AND VISION THAT THE UNITED STATES NOW SEEKS TO BUILD A MORE MATURE, HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WITH BARBADOS AND THE CARIBBAN;

A RELATIONSHIP IN WHICH CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION FOSTER UNDERSTANDING OF NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS; BUILD RESPECT FOR A VARIETY OF THGOUGHTS AND OPINIONS; AND CONTRIBUTE TO ECONOMIC VITALITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

I CONSIDER IT MY TASK AND OPPORTUNITY WHILE SERVING IN BARBADOS AS UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO HELP FURTHER THE NEW U.S. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CARIBBEAN AND WITH BARBADOS." SIMMS

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